

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Prior to the present communication, claims 1–31 were pending in the subject application. Each of claims 1, 2, 5–11, 13, 14, 17, 22, 25, 26, and 29 has been amended herein and claims 12, 23, 24 and 28 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1–11, 13–22, 25–27, and 29–31 remain pending. All claims currently pending and under consideration in the subject application are shown below. This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for facilitating interaction between a device and a device environment, the system comprising:

a detection module for automatically detecting proximity of a participant within the device environment; and

a list of nearby devices for each device; and

a user-configurable authorization module for authorizing the device to adjust a device user interface in a pre-determined manner in response to the detection of the participant.

2. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the user-configurable authorization module identifies the device as one of a controlling device and or a controlled device.

3. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein the controlling device comprises shared resources for sharing with the controlled device.

4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the detection module detects one of an active participant and a passive participant.

5. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 4, wherein the detection module detects ~~a~~ the passive participant and the device user interface adjusted is ~~the~~ a detecting device user interface.

6. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 4, wherein the detection module detects ~~an~~ the active participant and the user-configurable authorization module authorizes adjustment of the device user interface of a detected active participant ~~user interface~~.

7. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the user-configurable authorization module includes an authorization status to control another device.

8. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the user-configurable authorization module includes an authorization status to be controlled by another device.

9. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the user-configurable authorization module comprises an arbitration module for resolving disputes between devices having an identical authorization status.

10. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 4, further comprising a command and control translation module for receiving instructions from a user regarding actions to be taken by the controlling device.

11. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 44 10, further comprising a UI element manager for taking directions from the command and control translation module.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) A method for facilitating interaction between a device and a device environment, the method comprising:

detecting a participant present within the device environment; and
maintaining a list of nearby devices for each device; and
adjusting a device user interface based on user-configured rules set forth in a device authorization module in response to the detection of the participant.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising identifying ~~a~~ the device as one of a controlling device ~~and~~ or a controlled device using the authorization module.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising sharing resources from the controlling device with the controlled device.

16. (Original) The method of claim 13, further comprising detecting one of an active participant and a passive participant.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising detecting a passive participant and ~~the~~ authorizing ~~the~~ a detecting device to adjust the ~~detecting~~ device user interface of the detecting device.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the passive participant has an RFID tag and the detecting device launches an application in response to the detection of the RFID tag.

19. (Original) The method of claim 17, further comprising detecting an active participant, and authorizing adjustment of the active participant user interface.

20. (Original) The method of claim 13, further comprising providing an authorization status as one of controlled or controlling.

21. (Original) The method of claim 20, further comprising resolving disputes between devices having an identical authorization status.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~43~~ 14, further comprising receiving instructions from a user regarding actions to be taken by the controlling device.

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) A system for sharing resources among multiple participating devices, wherein each of the multiple participating devices has a device specific set of application resources, the system comprising:

a detection module for detecting proximity of a first participating device to a second participating device; and

a nearby device list for maintaining a record of device locations; and

a configurable resource regulation mechanism for making the device specific application resources from the second participating device available to the first participating device.

26. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 25, further comprising ~~an~~ a user-configurable authorization module for providing each participating device with an authorization status as one of a controlled device and a controlling device.

27. (Original) The system of claim 26, further comprising an arbitration mechanism for resolving disputes between devices having an identical authorization status.

28. (Cancelled)

29. (Currently Amended) A method for facilitating resource sharing between multiple devices, the method comprising:

allowing a user to configure regulation of shared resources between multiple participating devices; and

maintaining a list of participating devices based on proximity to a first participating device; and

enabling regulation of device resources based on proximity of a first participating device to a second participating device, wherein regulation includes making device specific application resources of the first participating device available to the second participating device.

30. (Original) The method of claim 29, further comprising identifying each device as one of a controlling device and a controlled device using an authorization module.

31. (Original) The method of claim 30, further comprising sharing resources from the controlling device with the controlled device.